

Electric Utilities Task Group
Monday, February 11, 2013
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:30 p.m.

Present: Bill Penn, Everett Shorey, Barbara MacMullan, and John Warfel. Also present were Deepwater Liaison, Bryan Wilson, Dr. Peter Baute, Town Manager, Nancy Dodge, Councilors Sean McGarry and Chris Warfel and Stephanie Turaj, representing the Block Island Times, and clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 by Barbara MacMullan.

Public Input – Dr. Baute asked for the status of the RFP for solar on Town Buildings.* This item will be on the next agenda. Everett Shorey will re-circulate the last documents that we had. Nancy Dodge said that the Town attorney had the RFP to check the legal language.

Approve minutes of January 14, 2013 meeting – Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.
Ayes 4 (Penn, Shorey, MacMullan, Warfel) Nays 0

Deepwater Decommissioning – Mention was made that the CRMC has no plans to hire an expert to review the decommissioning plan.

Bryan Wilson made the following points:

- Cost of decommissioning could be up to \$10 million dollars
- Deepwater will set aside ½ million per year for the purpose of decommissioning (to come from revenue)
- Siemens guarantee is for 15 years. This will cover failure of turbines and other parts.
- There is a guarantee from Deepwater if the BITS gets compromised.

A motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by John Warfel to Warfel to recommend that the Town Council engage an independent consultant to verify the methodology of determining decommissioning costs and review of the bullet points of the Deepwater decommissioning plan. (Bullet points not spelled out in the motion).

Ayes 4 (Penn, Shorey, MacMullan, Warfel) Nays 0

Deepwater Update – Mr. Wilson circulated the Submarine Cable Security document (attached). This document was discussed. Mr. Wilson stated that the comment periods were now over for CRMC and ACOE. DEM will hold hearings and CRMC will hold a hearing on Block Island as well as the mainland. Mr. Wilson will report back on what would trigger decommissioning and how a catastrophic event would be treated.

Discussion of letter from Chris Warfel re: Financing of Island based renewable energy initiative.

(All documents attached). – Indigenous island energy systems were discussed as was the cover letter and documentation from Chris Warfel. Mr. Shorey will look at the model that Mr. Warfel used and Chris Warfel will supply information on co-generation for the next meeting*.

Discussed with the above was the cost for a feasibility study for a stand- alone cable which Mr. McGarry requires in writing to be given to the council.*

The following items will be on the next agenda:*

Streetlight Analysis

BIPCO's Future Role in Cable Scenario

Discussion of BIPCO's future fuel usage

Distribution system upgrade

RI Energy grant Funding for study

Next meeting: March 18, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. in a motion by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Bill Penn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: March 18, 2013

Bonny Ryan

*Denotes items for the next agenda